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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-49 (canceled)

Claim 50 (original): A method for switching an optical system between a lower magnification setting and a higher magnification setting comprising:

- (a) providing a switching mechanism having a first rest position corresponding to the lower magnification setting and a second rest position corresponding to the higher magnification setting, said switching mechanism having a path of motion between said first and second rest positions; and
- (b) providing automatic switching to the first rest position once the switching mechanism has moved past a first position along its path of motion and automatic switching to the second rest position once the switching mechanism has moved past a second position along its path of motion.

Claim 51 (original): The method of Claim 50 wherein the automatic switching is provided by a torsion spring.